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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 154
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Lauren Anderson for
winning the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Oratorical
Contest.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this General Assembly should pause to recognize
those individuals who have shown themselves to be outstanding students and exemplary
Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, Lauren Anderson, a sixth grade student at Idlewild School, is one such
notable individual who won first place in the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Oratorical Contest; and

WHEREAS, she presented a speech based on the theme "What does it mean to be an
American?" during the Christian Brothers University's annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
observance; and

WHEREAS, her speech was deemed the most meritorious of all fourteen presented; and

WHEREAS, as Ms. Anderson so eloquently put it, "I elaborated on Dr. King and how he
wanted us to live as Americans. It means I'm free, and I can sit at the counter of a restaurant
and be served"; and

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WHEREAS, this General Assembly is proud of the accomplishments of Ms. Lauren Anderson, and we will anxiously watch as her future blossoms into one of great importance; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we offer our veneration for Lauren Anderson, congratulate her on winning the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Oratorical Contest, and commend her on her talents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.